



# SAFETY NEWS

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## WORLD SAFETY ORGANIZATION CHAMPIONS OF SAFETY

*By Linda Allison*

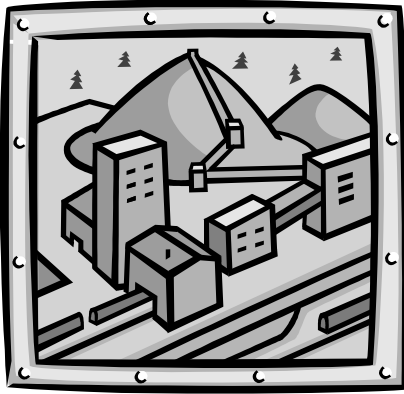
**T**he World Safety Organization (WSO) is a not-for-profit corporation, non-sectarian, non-political movement to “Make Safety a Way of Life.” Membership in the WSO is open to all individuals and entities involved in the safety and accident prevention field, regardless of race, color, creed, ideology, religion, social status, sex or political belief.

The WSO Arkansas Chapter hosts educational meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Jonesboro. The meeting location has recently changed to Barnhill’s Country Buffet, 1111 South Caraway Road (in Jonesboro) to accommodate the growing number of members and guests. All who are involved with safety are encouraged to attend.

In addition to the chapter’s monthly programs, the Arkansas Chapter hosts an annual one-day Spring safety conference and co-sponsors the Arkansas Department of Labor’s annual Fall conference. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Safety Conference for the WSO Arkansas Chapter is scheduled for May 12, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in Jonesboro, and will feature a national speaker on workplace violence, Colonel David Grossman.

The Arkansas Chapter was recently chosen by the WSO International Awards Committee to receive the “WSO Educational – 2003 Award.” This award is given to an institution, company, training entity, individual, etc., with an above average educational program in the fields of environmental/occupational safety and health, fire science and safety, public safety, healthcare safety, transportation safety, or similar programs; actively (and above average in) contributing to the protection of people, property, resources and the environment through innovative programs; with distinctive concern for the education of professionals and general public in the disciplines of safety and allied fields.

In an effort to improve the safety awareness and skills of young workers, the WSO Arkansas Chapter has committed this year to partner with the Arkansas Department of Labor in educational efforts targeted to younger workers. For the Jonesboro area, the **YES (Youth Employment Safety)** Initiative has been created with the idea of introducing employment safety to all the area school students in  
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## EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR STATE MINING INDUSTRY

The Arkansas Department of Labor's MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) Division has announced several seminars and conferences in the near future that Arkansas miners will want to add to their schedules.

On February 12-13, 2004, the annual **Arkansas Mine Safety and Health Conference** will be held at the Clarion Resort on the Lake in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The conference, which has been held annually for more than 20 years, was designed to provide a forum for the mining community to focus on mine safety and health concerns. Mine managers, superintendents, safety directors, state and federal agencies, industry, and others who have responsibility in matters relating to mine health and safety will want to make plans to attend.

The conference is a cooperative effort of the Arkansas Department of Labor, Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, and mining industries in the state of Arkansas.

Topics and speakers include: Accident Investigation – Kenneth Scott, MSHA Mine Academy, Beckley, West Virginia  
Conference Litigation Process – Ron Mesa, Conference Litigation Officer, MSHA, Dallas, Texas  
Electrical Grounding – Joe Norwood, MSHA Metal/Nonmetal Mine Inspector, Little Rock, Arkansas

First Aid in Action – Juanita Efird, Independent Contractor, Malvern, Arkansas

Guarding – The New Book – David Weaver, MSHA Educational Field Services in Rolla, Missouri

MSHA Update – Edward Lopez, District Manager, MSHA, Dallas, Texas

Open Forum – Wyatt Andrews, Field Inspector Supervisor, MSHA Field Office in Little Rock, Arkansas

Powered Haulage – Mike Patton, Safety Director, J.A. Riggs, Little Rock, Arkansas

Supervisor Responsibility – Joseph Olivier, MSHA Educational Field Services in Louisiana

The registration fee for the conference is only \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door, so contact Bonita Stocks for registration information at 682-4520 or e-mail [bonita.stocks@mail.state.ar.us](mailto:bonita.stocks@mail.state.ar.us)

The Arkansas Department of Labor's MSHA Division has also released a schedule for the open classes, which they will hold in Little Rock and Fort Smith during 2004.

January training classes scheduled at both locations are:  
**MSHA Annual Refresher – Jan. 6**  
**MSHA New Miner – Jan 7**  
**MSHA First Aid/CPR – Jan. 8**

Participants must pre-register by calling at least once week before the class because classes are subject to cancellation based on the number of pre-registrations. The location for the classes in the Fort Smith area has been changed and participants for those classes will be notified of the new location when they call to register.

To receive a schedule of MSHA classes for the remainder of 2004, contact Bonita Stocks at the Arkansas Department of Labor.

Miners in Arkansas will also want to put March 29 – April 1, 2004 on their calendars and make plans for the **2004 South Central District Joint Mine Safety and Health Conference** which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information on this event, contact Judy Tate at 214-767-8423 or e-mail [Tate.Judy@dol.gov](mailto:Tate.Judy@dol.gov)



## ARKANSAS' WORKPLACE FATALITIES STUDIED

Arkansas had 80 workplace fatalities during the year 2002. These findings are from the National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries conducted by the Arkansas Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major findings include:

- Transportation incidents claimed the most lives for the ninth year in a row. In 2002, transportation accounted for 37 of the 80 fatal occupational injuries or 46 percent.
- Assaults and violent acts were up from four in 2001 to seven in 2002.
- Wage and salary workers accounted for 70 of the fatalities for employee's status in 2002. This was about 88 percent of the workers.
- Men accounted for 77 of the 80 fatal occupational injuries in 2002.
- The age group 25 to 54 years old accounted for 55 of fatally injured workers in 2002. This was up from 46 fatalities for this age group in 2001.
- The occupations of operators, fabricators, and laborers accounted for 35 of the fatalities in 2002, up from 31 in 2001.

To receive a copy of the survey, contact Leon Cornett at the Arkansas Department of Labor, 501-682-4542 or e-mail [CornettL@bls.gov](mailto:CornettL@bls.gov)

## BULLETIN ISSUED BY OSHA ON MOLD



A new Safety and Health Information Bulletin recently issued by OSHA gives recommendations on how to prevent mold growth and how to protect workers involved in the prevention and cleanup of mold. Indoor exposure to mold can cause allergic reactions and asthma attacks in some individuals.

"This bulletin offers workers some basic information on how to prevent, control and remove mold in buildings leading to the reduction of health risks," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "By reading this bulletin, workers with little or no experience with mold remediation may be able to determine if a mold problem exists and whether the contamination can be managed in-house or if outside assistance is required."

The Safety and Health Information Bulletin is directed primarily at building managers, custodians, and others responsible for building maintenance. It offers recommendations on how to prevent mold growth, proper use of personal protective equipment, ways to assess mold or moisture problems, and methods to cleanup damage caused by moisture and mold growth.

The bulletin also includes checklists on mold prevention tips, how to determine if a mold problem exists, cleanup methods, and mold remediation guidelines based on the size of an affected area to make it easier to select the appropriate techniques. Additional sections address personal protective equipment, sampling methods and remediation equipment.

Molds are found almost everywhere and can grow on virtually any substance as long as moisture and oxygen are present. Molds can damage building materials and, if left unchecked,

can eventually cause structural damage to wood-framed buildings by weakening floors and walls.

Some molds have the potential to cause adverse health effects, including asthma attacks in some people who are allergic to mold. Exposure to mold can also cause other types of allergic reactions, including hay fever type symptoms, skin rashes, and irritation to the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs in both mold-allergic and non-allergic people.

The Bulletin on mold may be accessed at [www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib101003.html](http://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib101003.html)

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small classroom settings. Volunteer WSO members will be participating in a "train the trainer" program, currently being developed by the Arkansas Department of Labor, to fully prepare for presentations to the students.

Anyone interested in being involved in the YES Initiative in the Jonesboro area, may contact Linda Allison at [Linda.Allison@tenethealth.com](mailto:Linda.Allison@tenethealth.com) or call (870) 932-0023. For additional information about membership with the WSO Arkansas Chapter, please contact Mary Hamrick, Vice President of Membership, at [mhamrick@colsoncaster.com](mailto:mhamrick@colsoncaster.com).

## JOB-RELATED TRAFFIC INJURIES AND DEATHS TARGETED

Reducing work-related traffic injuries and deaths is the goal of a new alliance OSHA has formed with the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS).

Transportation accidents continue to lead all other accidents in Arkansas for the ninth year in a row and were responsible for 37 deaths in 2002.

OSHA and NETS will work together to provide employers of all sizes with access to information and resources such as OSHA's Compliance Assistance Specialists and NETS States that can be used to create effective workplace traffic safety programs, develop and disseminate materials that promote safe driving practices, and work on electronic assistance tools for workplace traffic safety programs, including fleet safety programs.

Created in 1989 by public and private sector leaders, NETS develops safety policies, workplace informational and training programs and corporate community activities to help reduce traffic related deaths and injuries.

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## **NEW OSHA FORMS FOR RECORDING INJURIES AND ILLNESSES NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB**

**T**he revised OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses is now available on OSHA's website at <http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/new-osh300form1-1-04.pdf>. The

forms, which are required for employers to use in recording injuries and illnesses, have changed in several important ways for 2004.

Foremost among the changes is the addition of an occupational hearing loss column to OSHA's Form 300. Other changes include:

- "days away from work" column now comes before the days "on job transfer or restriction"
- more clear formulas for calculating incidence rates
- new recording criteria for occupational hearing loss in the "Overview" section;
- more prominent column heading "Classify the Case" to make it clear that employers should mark only one selection among the four columns offered.

These changes were made in response to public suggestions on making the forms easier to use.

Employers must begin to use the new OSHA Form 300 on January 1, 2004. The new form has the date of revision (rev. 1/2004) located on the form next to the form number.

Injuries and illnesses for years prior to 2004 should continue to be recorded on the appropriate form for that year. The forms for 2003 and 2002 will continue to be available on OSHA's website at <http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/OSHArecordkeepingforms.pdf>. Additionally, employers should use the old OSHA 300A Summary Form (without the hearing loss column) to post as required in February 2004. The new 300A form that includes the hearing loss column should be used to post in February 2005.

Hard copies of the new OSHA 300 form can be obtained using OSHA's on-line order form or by calling 1-800-321-OSHA. For more information, visit OSHA's website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)